

# GR 8 Unit 08 The Union Challenged

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 4**  
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## Unit Overview

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**Unit Title:** The Union Challenged

### Chapters & Essential Questions:

21: A Dividing Nation (5 days)

Which events of the mid-1800s kept the nation together and which events pulled it apart?

22: The Civil War (8 days)

What factors and events influenced the outcome of the Civil War?

23: Reconstruction (5 days)

To what extent did Reconstruction bring African Americans closer to full citizenship?

## Standards

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6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.a: Prioritize the causes and events that led to the Civil War from different perspectives.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.b: Analyze critical events and battles of the Civil War from different perspectives.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.c: Assess the human and material costs of the Civil War in the North and South.

6.1.8.HistoryUP.5.a: Analyze the effectiveness of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution from multiple perspectives.

6.1.8.HistoryUP.5.b: Examine the roles of women, African Americans, and Native Americans in the Civil War.

6.1.8.HistoryUP.5.c: Explain how and why the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address continue to impact American life.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.d: Assess the role of various factors that affected the course and outcome of the Civil War (i.e., geography, natural resources, demographics, transportation, leadership, and technology).

6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.e: Compare and contrast the approaches of Congress and Presidents Lincoln and Johnson toward the reconstruction of the South.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.f: Analyze the economic impact of Reconstruction on the South from different perspectives.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.g: Construct an argument that prioritizes the causes and events that led to the Civil War using multiple sources from different perspectives.

## **Materials/Activities/Resources**

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**Core materials:** History Alive! US through Industrialism

History Alive! US Through Industrialism Primary Source Library:

[https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/shared/programs/480/reference\\_materials?selected\\_unit\\_id=624&tag=Primary+Source+Library](https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/shared/programs/480/reference_materials?selected_unit_id=624&tag=Primary+Source+Library)

### **Supplemental Resources:**

Newsela Social Studies Compendium: <https://newsela.com/signin>

Flocabulary: [www.Flocabulary.com](http://www.Flocabulary.com)

- Frederick and Abraham
- Civil War
- Juneteeth

**Web Site Resources:** Newsela

**[NJ Mandated Curriculum Crosswalk Teacher Resources](#)**

## **Technology**

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- Screencastify
- Full list on district teacher page

- YouTube videos of mentor texts readings

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Peer Editing
- Shared Writing
- Writer's Notebook
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide
- Student Performance Checklist

### **Summative Assessment**

- Process Pieces
- Schoolwide Rubrics
- Student Publishing
- Student Self-Reflection

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Social Studies Connections: Storytelling

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Noticing, Seeking Challenges, Purpose, Growth Mindset, Belonging

## **21st Century Life Literacies & Key Skills**

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Financial Health

Financial Landscape

Money Management

Career Awareness and Planning

Creativity and Innovation

Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

Digital Citizenship

Global and Cultural Awareness

Information and Media Literacy

Technology Literacy

Standards in Action: Climate Change

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.